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In Re the Application of: Ger Van den Engh  
Application Number: 09/689,585  
Filing Date: October 12, 2000  
Group Art Unit: 1743  
Examiner: Ludlow, J.  
For: Flow Cytometer Droplet Formation System

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the applicant, the undersigned attorney hereby requests an extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). This request is submitted in relation to a response due to the office action mailed October 3, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response of three months. A response to this action on the merits would otherwise be due January 3, 2003; however, it is requested that this time period be extended for three months to and including April 3, 2003. This extension will thereby encompass the statutory period of six months pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §133. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17, an extension fee of \$930.00 is submitted with this Petition. In the event the fee has been inappropriately calculated, please allow the maximum extension possible and inform me at your earliest convenience so that any deficiency or error can be corrected immediately.

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Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,  
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